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Executive Secretary

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Dear Mr. Director:

This is an " out of channels" communication which I hope will enlist your interest. I think John Bross has already spoken to you about my intention to memorialize, possibly through a book, Col. A Peter Dewey, the brilliant young OSS officer who was killed Sept 26,1945 in Saigon, thus becoming our first Vietnam casualty. John as you probably know is a connection by marriage with the Dewey family. Dewey's father was a prominent Republican Congressman from Chicago. His widow, now Mrs. John Pierepont has kindly given me access to her materials and her blessing on the project.

I have assembled a good bit including much from the old OSS files which was included in a Senate Foreign Relations Committee inquiry of May 19,1972 and I have talked with members of the OSS mission in Indochina at the time.

What I am eager to get to complete the story are copies of Dewey's reports --there wereonly a few since he was killed 22 days after he landed in Saigon. These apparently are still classified as "operational documents" although, in fact, they are merely his evaluations of the situation which he finds in Saigon. As I understand it these materials were all put at the disposal of the Fulbright Committee which make a selection but did not bother to publish the Dewey reports. As you can understand all I am interested in are the pertinent historical data, nothing " operational" or " confidential".

What I'd like to enlist from you, if I may, is a jog--nothing more. A jog sufficient to get these materials out of the archives so that they can be put to positive use in illuminating the memory of a brave young American hero.

With every good wish,

Harrison E. Salisbury

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